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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether any artificial insemination centres have been started and whether they are attended to by these Veterinary Assistant Surgeons? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

* 134 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question will be taken up to-morrow."

Raising of loans by the South Arcot Market Committee on Government securities.

* 135 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state when the South Arcot Market Committee applied to the Government for sanction to raise a loan on the pledge of the Government securities in the Imperial Bank of India, Cuddalore, which the South Arcot Market Committee has invested; when it was sanctioned, and for what purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The South Arcot Market Committee requested the Government in January 1953 to permit it to sell its Government securities to the extent of Rs. 72,000 for the purchase of groundnut seeds from the Adoni area of Bellary district. Again in February 1953 another request was made by the same Committee to raise a loan of Rs. 50,000 to settle certain outstanding bills relating to the construction of buildings in the market yards of Villupuram, Vriddhachalam and Tirukoilur. In the former case, the Government in February 1953 permitted the Market Committee to raise a loan for Rs. 72,000 on the cover of Government securities held by it. As requested by the Market Committee, the Government in March 1953, permitted the Committee to raise another loan of Rs. 50,000 on the cover of Government securities held by it."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government will consider the feasibility of extending the jurisdiction of this Committee to Udayarpalayam taluk also? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The question relates to South Arcot Market Committee. I do not know whether the jurisdiction of this Committee can be extended to Udayarpalayam taluk. Anyhow I would like to have notice."

Lime-shell deposits in South Kanara.

* 136 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the occurrences of lime-shell deposits in South Kanara is completed; and

(*b*) if so, what are the recommendations made by the investigation officer?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes. Preliminary investigation of the occurrence of some important lime-shell deposits in the coastal area of South Kanara district was carried out by Sri A. Damodaran, Assistant Geologist, Geological Survey of India.

" (*b*) It is the opinion of the Geologist that the lime-shell deposits are not extensively distributed as they are found to be confined to thin fringes on some river banks close to the sea, that the lateral extent is much limited, and that the yield and reserves are too small to sustain a modern cement plant. He has however suggested that the possibility of producing white cement on a very limited scale may be fully explored in the light of market conditions and that there is good scope for starting a whiting factory with a moderate output."

Chucklars in the State.

12 noon. * 137 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) the population of Chucklars in the Madras State; and

(*b*) the number of gazetted officers of this community?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) During the recent census enumeration of each community has not been made.

" (*b*) Particulars are not readily available. They will have to be collected and compiled. This may take a long time and the work involved will not be commensurate with the purpose served."

SRI K. S. LAKSHMIPATH NAICKER :—" கிராமங்களிலுள்ள செக்கிலியர்கள் நிலைமை இந்த வருஷத்திலாவது முன்னேறியிருக்கிறதா என்பதைப் பற்றி கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I think the hon. Member knows better than myself, being a zamindar himself and living in rural parts. Of course, personally speaking, I know their condition has not very much improved."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government is maintaining separate statistics for each of the communities among Harijans like Chakkiliyars and Parayars? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I want notice, Sir."